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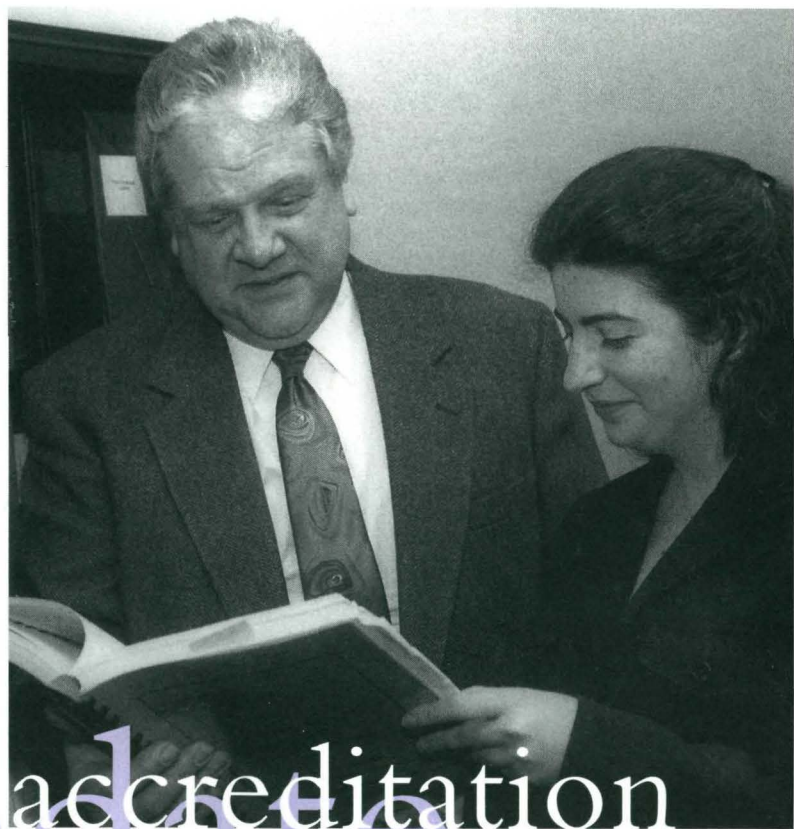
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Dr. Neal Bellanti, associate dean for academic affairs and director of the core accreditation committee, and administrative assistant Lisa Horelick review BUSDM's self-study report



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In preparation for accreditation in October 1998, a mock site visit was held on February 3–5. The mock visitors—Dr. Henry Cherrick, dean emeritus at UCLA, Dr. Judith Buchanan, associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Thomas Dirksen, associate dean for research and continuing education at the Medical College of Georgia—thoroughly reviewed BUSDM's self-study report, as shown by the focused, in-depth questions they asked faculty, staff, and students. »



## accreditation update(cont.)

Each day, the mock visitors provided comprehensive reports of their findings. They acknowledged and praised the effort everyone has contributed during the last few months.

The next steps are for us to:

- continue with the activities that are already in progress and include all steps that are completed in the next version of the self-study;
- add new information we have collected since the first documents were completed;
- begin final editing of the parts of the self-study that are essentially complete; and
- begin preparations for the actual site visit that will occur in October.

Accreditation is a long and arduous process. We are reaching the home stretch, but the finish line is still a way off.



## bright smiles bright futures

Dr. Aljernon Bolden, associate professor and director of community health programs at BUSDM (left), looks on as Dr. Saad Albuhaime, a resident in BUSDM's public health post-doctoral program, examines a first-grader at Chelsea's Early Learning Center

Nothing characterizes a "school without walls" more than providing services to—and in—the community. In October, residents in BUSDM's dental public health program did just that as part of Colgate Inner City Oral Health Intervention Week.

Colgate's *Bright Smiles, Bright Futures* program provides dental screenings to children who might not have access to dental care. As volunteer screeners, BUSDM postdoctoral students visited the Shurtleff School in Chelsea, the Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center, the Josiah Quincy School, and the Dimock Community Health Center. Screeners visually examined the children's teeth to determine their oral health status. Colgate then provided Maureen Donovan, RDH, Program Coordinator for Chelsea/Boston University Partnership, with a list of students who needed care; Donovan gave these students' parents a list of local dentists and neighborhood health centers where they could seek treatment.

At the Chelsea screening,

first-graders eagerly waited their turn to board Colgate's Bright Smiles, Bright Futures Oral Care Van. This mobile dentist's office contained two child-sized chairs and a video screen for children to watch programs on oral health as they waited their turn to be examined. After they were screened, children received toothbrushes and activity books. "It's a neat way for them to experience their first trip to the dentist," says Dr. Al Bolden, BUSDM's new director of community health programs. "With the videos and pictures, they're desensitized to what otherwise might be a frightening experience." Bolden emphasizes that the screenings are just a start, not necessarily an end in and of themselves. He says, "We're here to see what the community's needs are and to identify resources to meet those needs. Whether education, health promotion, or treatment is required, we want to work with the community either to help meet the need or to identify resources to do so." By screening kids during Oral Health Intervention Week, Bolden was off to a good start.



### Director of National Institute of Dental Research to Give Keynote Address

On May 16, 1998, Dr. Harold Slavkin, director of the National Institute of Dental Research, will be the keynote speaker for the Continuing Education Program during Alumni Weekend. Dr. Slavkin, who has been director of NIDR since July 1995, will give a speech at BUSDM entitled "Synergy Among Science, Education, and Health Care." His discussion will highlight the opportunities for synergy among universities and the private and public sectors.



Janis E. Johnson and Dawn West DMD 90, BUSDM's recipients of this year's Black Achievers Award. They joined other winners in January at a city-wide award ceremony at the Copley Marriott Hotel. They were also honored at the Eleventh Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr./Black Achievers Recognition Day Celebration at BUMC. During the next year, all honorees will serve as mentors to students from the Greater Boston area.

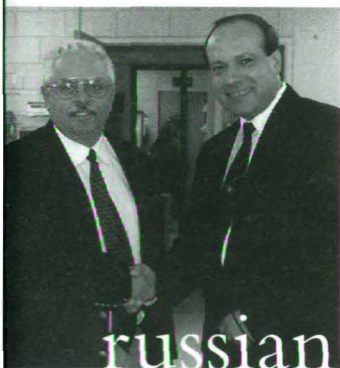
Both women epitomize the spirit of the Black Achievers Award. Johnson, the clinical research coordinator at the Clinical Research Center, joined the Goldman School just two-and-a-half years ago. She has served as a Big Sister. Throughout her career she has shown an exceptional capacity not only to manage change but to embrace it. "I'm excited—it's a very prestigious

award," says Johnson. She truly is an example of what BUSDM is working to achieve through the Learning Organization.

West, who is the director of the General Practice Residency Program at BMC and an assistant clinical professor at BUSDM, has had a strong impact in the community while holding positions at Mattapan Community Health Center and Dimock Community Health Center, and as coordinator of HIV dental services at Boston Medical Center. She works tirelessly to make dental care available to all members of the community. "Being named a Black Achiever is very exciting," says West. "Working within the community and working with young people is something that is very near and dear to my heart."

Congratulations to Janis and Dawn for this exceptional honor.

Dr. Steve DuLong greets Dr. Valentin Pantelev



## hussian dean visits BUSDM

What would you do if you had to run your own business with no previous training? That's a dilemma new dentists might find themselves in—but nowhere more so than in Russia, which lacks a tradition of private enterprise. Enter Dr. Valentin Pantelev, dean of the School of Dentistry of the Tver State Medical Academy in Russia. Pantelev was a guest of the Institute for Training and Development, which is based in Amherst, Massachusetts and whose mission is to provide management and development training to professionals from other countries. He visited BUSDM in October to gain insight on dentistry and dental training in the United States.

"I wanted to see Boston in particular, because of its reputation as a medical center," said Pantelev. "I know a bit about the U.S. health care system, and was excited to get the chance to see things firsthand." One difference between dental training at BUSDM and at Tver State is that students at BUSDM have an opportunity to do independent work early in their education, while in Russia students do not get a taste of working independently until they begin their "externships."

Pantelev is especially interested in how dental

schools educate dentists-to-be in practice management. By exposing students to the business side of running a dental office through, for example, the APEX program, BUSDM enables future dentists to see the office from a perspective that they might not otherwise get the chance to experience.

As dean of a Russian dental school, Pantelev is looking for innovative models to apply at his college—although some changes may be limited by parameters set by the Ministry of Health. Pantelev hopes that one day dental affairs in Russia will be overseen by a professional organization similar to the American Dental Association rather than by a government entity.

While visiting the United States, Pantelev had the opportunity to look in on various practice settings. He saw a small, private office in Western Massachusetts and a large HMO clinic. As Russia moves toward the provision of medical services in a variety of settings—that is, as more Russian doctors and dentists begin to work for themselves rather than for the government—the insights Pantelev gains from visiting BUSDM will help him formulate strategies for the future of dental education in Russia.



## 1998 anthony westwater jong symposium

On April 25, BUSDM will hold the annual Anthony Westwater Jong Symposium. This year, the focus will be on the first Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health. Although the United States has made significant progress in oral health during the last five decades, these advances have not benefited all populations equally. This report will help focus the nation's attention on oral health issues and will help identify specific steps that individuals, communities, and health professionals can take to improve the nation's oral health status. Dr. Caswell Evans Jr., project director and executive editor of the surgeon general's report, will present the report's framework and provide an update on its progress.



## jimmy fund picnic

On October 19, approximately 35 students from the BUSDM class of 2001 visited the Scituate home of Dr. Lawrence Zoller, Director of Anatomical Sciences, for a picnic to raise money for the Jimmy Fund. The Jimmy Fund provides money for researchers to help combat and hopefully eliminate juvenile leukemia.

Eight years ago, Dr. Zoller, who had a childhood friend who died from juvenile leukemia, started the tradition of holding an annual fundraising bike ride and picnic. Concerns about the weather this year prompted him to have just the picnic.

As a result of the generosity of the students, Dr. Zoller, and his family, \$500 was donated to the Jimmy Fund in the name of the BUSDM class of 2001.

## Faculty Appointments

Craig Allen, Clinical Instructor, Oral Diagnosis

Neal Bellanti, Professor, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Aljernon Bolden, Associate Professor and Director of Community Health Programs, Health Policy and Health Services Research

Fadi Farah, Clinical Instructor, Periodontology and Oral Biology

Ammar Farra, Clinical Instructor, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials

Karl Flanzer, Assistant Clinical Professor, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials

Eyad Haidar, Clinical Instructor, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials

Gary Greenberg, Clinical Instructor, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials

Mohamed Hamed, Research Fellow, Health Policy and Health Services Research

Winston Hung, Assistant Clinical Professor, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials

Jeffrey Hutter, Associate Professor, Endodontics; Director of Advanced Education Program in Endodontics

Iveta Iontcheva, Postdoctoral Fellow, Periodontology and Oral Biology

Urs Lendenmann, Assistant Research Professor, Periodontology and Oral Biology

Kelley Lennon, Research Associate, Periodontology and Oral Biology

Susan Lo, Assistant Clinical Professor, Pediatric Dentistry

Jane Ogembo, Assistant Clinical Professor, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials

Carlos Sabrosa, Clinical Instructor, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials

Parviz Sadooghi, Assistant Clinical Professor, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials

Kazuyuki Shibata, Research Associate, Periodontology and Oral Biology

Linda Vidone, Clinical Instructor, Periodontology and Oral Biology

Benjamin Wu, Assistant Professor, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials

Ali Yazdani, Assistant Clinical Professor, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials

## New Staff

Patricia Alfred, Dispensary Assistant, Central Sterilization

Catherine Anthony, Patient Coordinator, Dental Health Plan

Kathleen Bagley, Administrative Secretary, Admissions and Student Services

Natalie Barnes, Patient Coordinator, Dental Health Plan

Timothy Blevins, Senior Secretary, Dental Health Plan

Cindy Briggs, Alumni Officer, External Affairs

Scott Caron, Sterilization Assistant, Oral Diagnosis

Shawn Davis-Minor, Hygienist, Periodontology and Oral Biology

Kim Devito, Patient Coordinator, Patient Services

Sandra Doherty, Secretary/Receptionist, Dental Health Plan

Roxanne Douglas, Confirmation Secretary, Dental Health Plan

Helen Doyle, Administrative Assistant, Oral Surgery

Aran Gilmore, Patient Coordinator, Patient Services

Kimberley Glazier, Assistant Program Coordinator, Continuing Education

Chong He, Research Technician, Periodontology and Oral Biology

Wenping He, Research Fellow, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials

Noelle Lalley-Huntington, Statistical Analyst, Educational Research and Development

Beteliem Mamo, Dental Assistant, Dental Health Plan

Roxanne Mayhew-Douglas, Secretary/Receptionist, Dental Health Plan

Barbara McKenna, Patient Coordinator, Patient Services

Louise Merriman, Research Assistant, Health Policy and Health Services Research

Dionella Mendez, Surgical Implantology Associate, Center for Implantology

Beth Moran, Senior Secretary, Oral Diagnosis

Mereta Perry, Senior Secretary, Mentorship Program

Mary Piggott, Administrative Assistant, Educational Research and Evaluation

Aldrich Robinson, Financial Aid Officer, Office of Student Financial Management

Susan Roche, Administrative Manager, Health Policy and Health Services Research

Lucy Russo, Patient Coordinator, Dental Health Plan

Yu-Wen Szeto, Billing Contract Representative, Dental Health Plan

Scott Walton, Records Coordinator, Clinic Financial Office

Li Wang, Research Technician, Periodontology and Oral Biology

Frances Zarembo, Dental Assistant, Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials





## profile

### proctor & gamble

Proctor and Gamble recently awarded to Boston University's APEX program funds to develop a model Mentorship Training Program, which can then be applied to dental schools nationwide. Proctor and Gamble became interested in APEX after learning that it was the first and only program of its kind in dental education that uses mentors in the dental community to provide real-world exposure to aspiring dental professionals. The APEX staff will be using the expertise of its APEX mentors and exploring other mentorship programs in the profit and nonprofit sectors to develop the model training program.

#### Dr. Aljernon Bolden

In September 1997, Dr. Aljernon Bolden was appointed director of community health programs. He comes to BUSDM from the University of Iowa, where he was an associate professor in the department of preventive and community dentistry.

Bolden is known nationally and internationally for his research on making oral health services readily available to underprivileged populations. He first became interested in community-based programs while earning his BA at Boston University. What began as an undergraduate work-study job at the Community Dental Programs for the city of Boston soon turned into a lifelong commitment.

Driven by his belief that "we each have an obligation to contribute to the community in whichever way we have been blessed," Dr. Bolden pursued a course of studies that would give him the skills and knowledge to serve the community. After earning

his DMD at Tufts and MPH at Harvard, he taught community dentistry at various universities throughout the country. He has been director of dental services at several organizations, including Boston Health Care for the Homeless, showing that he has not only the academic but also the leadership skills to make a difference in public health. Bolden is also a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health.

Bolden returns to Boston University with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Says Bolden, "I am committed to facilitating and coordinating activities that are community based." He wants to instill in his public health students "an appreciation for diversity in the environment we work, live, and play in." Ultimately, as director of community health programs Bolden hopes to "increase the number of dental personnel who are sensitive to the needs of vulnerable populations, and to encourage, mentor, and serve as a role model for minority health care providers."

## short takes

#### Website Update

Check out BUSDM's new and improved website at <http://dentalschool.bu.edu>.

This website features a link to our new Intranet, which is a site that is accessible only to the BUSDM community. In the future, the Intranet will enable students to check on course locations and requirements.

#### Dean Frankl, Dr. Nathanson, and Mr. Haddad Present at AADS

In February 1998, Dean Spencer Frankl, Dr. Dan Nathanson, and George Haddad, president of Liasion International Inc. and IT consultant to BUSDM, presented a symposium on virtual learning at the American Association of Dental Schools' annual meeting in Minneapolis. They discussed clinical-based applications and their impact on dental education, and also touched on virtual technologies' potential for saving human, material, and physical resources.

#### Dr. Michael Hunter Bids BUSDM Farewell

Dr. Michael Hunter, assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, will be leaving BUSDM in April to devote himself to private practice. DMD students from the class of 1998 are especially grateful for his outstanding commitment to his work and students.

#### We're Improving to Keep You Moving

Work is proceeding on schedule. One of the new elevators has been installed, and the other is in the works. Congratulations to sneaker raffle winners thus far. Another raffle will be held soon, so if you have not entered, send cc:mail to Mari Megias.



a big hand for...

In September 1997, Dr. Donald Booth was elected vice president of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons at the association's annual meeting. More than 4,000 members from around the nation and the world were in attendance.

Charles Terrell, BUSDM director of student financial management and BUMC associate dean for student affairs, was recently appointed to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance (ACSFA). During his three-year appointment to this national committee, Terrell will evaluate the effectiveness of current student aid information and its dissemination. He will also assess the impact of legislative policy proposals on student aid.

Dr. Thomas Van Dyke began his two-year term as president of the International Academy of Periodontology at its annual meeting.

## BUSDM@health fair

In February 1998, the American Medical Student Association and the Wellness Center, an organization at BU that coordinates the promotion of health information, sponsored a health fair at George Sherman Union on Boston University's Charles River Campus. Groups such as the American Cancer Society, Planned Parenthood, and the Boston University Pre-Dental Society had tables at the event.

The BUSDM table contained information on the Student Dental Plan and BUSDM admission, and free samples of mouthwash, floss, and toothpaste. Staffing the table were Dr. Al Bolden, associate professor and director of community health programs, Louise Merriman, research associate, and DMD '99 students Farah Abbassi, Afsaneh Samadani, Nathaly Nolido, Fereidoun Agha-Razi, Monica Tavallaei, and Mohammed Golparvar. The students served as a resource for routine dental questions and answered questions about careers in dentistry.

## in the media

WCVB (channel 5) news. Dr. Raul Garcia was interviewed on the possible link between oral health and strokes.

WB56 news. Dr. Dan Nathanson commented on tooth whitening.

WABU (channel 68). Dr. Paul Farsai and Dr. Michael Hunter appeared live to discuss oral health on the program *Doctors on Call*. In the same program, footage shot at the school showed Dr. Zhimon Jacobson discussing implants and Winston Holton, supervisor of patient services, talking about his experience receiving implants.

## BUSDM adopts new mission statement

On November 4, 1997, BUSDM's mission statement was revised at a faculty-staff-student symposium entitled "Goals, Objectives, and Competencies: Defining the Vision." The mission, goals, and competency statements were revised and approved and were adopted by the Executive Committee on November 25, 1997. The new statement reads as follows: *The mission of the Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine is to provide excellent education of dental professionals throughout their careers; to shape the future of dental medicine and dental education through research; to offer excellent health care services to the community; to participate in community activities; and to foster a respectful and supportive environment.*

MAY 15-16, 1998

### Spring Gala

John F. Kennedy Library, Boston  
Saturday, May 16, 1998  
5:30 pm

Celebrate the school's 35TH  
ANNIVERSARY and honor the  
1998 DISTINGUISHED  
ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

### OTHER WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Reunions for the DMD classes  
of 1978, 1983, 1988, and 1993

Continuing education program featuring  
keynote address by Dr. Harold Slavkin,  
Director, National Institute of Dental Research

for more information, call 617.638.4732

alumni weekend

Dr. Salomon Amar received a joint appointment at the School of Medicine as associate research professor of biochemistry.

Dr. Neal Bellanti, chair of the core accreditation committee, has been appointed associate dean for academic affairs.

Dr. Marvin Cook, vice president for planning, budgeting, and information, has been appointed chief operating officer of BUSDM.

Dr. David Cottrell, assistant professor and director of resident research in the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery, was appointed director of the oral and maxillofacial surgery residency program.

Dr. Sheldon Itzkowitz, clinical instructor in periodontology and oral biology, was promoted to assistant clinical professor.

Dr. Thomas Kilgore has been appointed associate dean of advanced education and vice chair of the core accreditation committee.

Dr. Celeste Kong was appointed director of pre-doctoral restorative sciences. She is also associate professor and director for the occlusion course given to third-year DMD students.

Dr. Dan Nathanson was promoted from acting chair to chair of the department of restorative sciences and biomaterials.

Dr. Sydell Shaw was appointed associate dean for admissions and student services.

stepping up

## clinic day clinic night

The annual Clinic and Research Day was held on Friday, April 3, in the lobby and cafeteria of the school. Thirty-two vendors were on hand to provide free samples of their dental products. Watch for Clinic Day photos in the next issue of *Outlook*!

Clinic Night, an annual semi-formal dinner given by the third-year DMD class in honor of the fourth-year DMD class, will be held on Saturday, April 18, 1998, at the Marriott Hotel (Long Wharf). The event will feature a gourmet dinner with white glove service and an open bar. Tickets are \$50 per person. Says Mike Ferry DMD 99, "I went last year and had a great time." For more information, contact Clinic Night committee chairs Parag Patel DMD 99 or Stacy Katz DMD 99 at 800/5-SPRINT (PIN 255-3405).

## highlights grant

Many Goldman School faculty members conduct research that spans a broad variety of topics. Some recent grants include the following:

Salomon Amar

- Periodontal Stem Cell Initiated Regeneration
- TNF-Alpha Gene Expression in Periodontal Disease
- Role of the Inflammatory Process in Periodontal Wound Healing

Laisheng Chou

- HIV-1 Infection in Oral Mucosal Langerhans Cells

David Cottrell

- 1997 Nobel Biocare USA Resident Training Research Award

Russell Giordano

- Effects of Machining and Polishing on Dental Ceramics
- Novel Ceramic-Resin Materials for Dental Restorations

Dana Graves

- Bone-derived Cells Produce a Chemotactic Factor
- Mechanisms of Periodontal Destruction

Christopher Hughes

- Cloning and Purification of a Veillonella Adhesion

Elizabeth Krall

- Vitamin D Receptor Genotype and Alveolar Bone Loss

Dan Nathanson

- Evaluation of GC Thermal Resin LCH System

Philip Trackman

- Procollagen C-proteinase Enhancer and Lysyl Oxidase Activation

Robert Troxler

- Structure and Function of Human Salivary Mucins

Raul Garcia

- Alveolar Bone Loss and Skeletal Bone Mineral Density
- Cost Utility Analysis of Replacing Posterior Teeth

Zhimon Jacobson

- 31 Implant Clinical Study

Maria Kukuruzinska

- Apoptosis in Salivary Gland Biogenesis
- Development-dependent Expression of the Salivary ALG7 Gene

Frank Oppenheim

- Anionic Salivary Proteins in Dental Integuments
- Microbicidal Salivary Proteins in Dental Integuments
- Postdoctoral Training in Oral Biology

Thomas Van Dyke

- The Effects of a Novel Oral Rinse on Neutrophil Phagocytosis and Killing Using an Experimental Gingivitis Model
- Clinical and Microbial Evaluation of P-113 Mouthrinse
- Periodontitis: Characterization of the Neutrophil Defect



"Change has considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because that means things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better." —King Whitney Jr.

One of the most wonderful aspects of the BUSDM philosophy is that we embrace change—we seek it out, evaluate it, and, based on clear and concise thinking and input from every level, we initiate it.

Over the next few months you will see a change in our *Outlook* as we move toward a newsier publication that is issued more frequently. The purpose of *Outlook* is to keep us informed in a timely manner, and as such we must publish more often. In order to provide you with the information you need to know, we also look to you for your opinions and news items. We are only as strong as the sum of our parts, and you, the BUSDM community, inside and outside our physical campus, are our most valued part.

Another modification in the works involves our ever-changing website. We recently launched a revised, revamped, and much more thorough website that includes access to our very own Intranet, which is a site specifically for the BUSDM community. We think you'll love it.

And last but certainly not least, Mari and I hope you have had a chance to read the just-released issue of *Impressions*. We are very excited about this issue; a great deal of blood, sweat, and tears went into it. Because *Impressions* has been such a success in the past, we knew from the start that we had some very large shoes to fill!

We look forward to your thoughts, comments, and "outlook" on all our publications. We are here as your resource and strive to help you in any way we can.

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# what's up

April 18  
Clinic Night

April 25  
1998 Anthony Westwater Jong Symposium.  
"Reaching Underserved Populations: An Update  
on the Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health"

May 12  
Graduating Class of 1998 Dinner

May 15-16  
Alumni Weekend

May 16  
Alumni Weekend Continuing Education Keynote  
Speech. Dr. Harold Slavkin, "Synergy Among  
Science, Education, and Health Care"

Spring Gala

May 17  
Commencement

June 30  
Classes and clinics end for graduating AEGD, ortho-  
dontic, oral surgery, prosthodontic, periodontic,  
endodontic, and operative dentistry students